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Conference Calls )

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please add the following claims:

11. Method according to claim 2, and further comprising:  
d) during the setting-up step, displaying static  
pictures of the conference participants on equipment  
later used to hold the audio-video conference.

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12. Method according to claim 11, and further comprising:  
e) terminating display of the static pictures after the  
setting-up completes.

13. Method according to claim 11, and further comprising:  
e) replacing each static picture by a live video image

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